

1) I am against eliminating the morse code requirements. For one thing, in case of emergency (and even war) without radio gear, I can "spark" an emergency signal. Yet if in a few years no one knows what they are hearing, it wouldn't be an option.

2) The morse code clubs also encourage ham radio interest.

3) Morse code and simple radio communication encourage experimentation as well as innovation. Not every beginner has the interest and knowledge until they study the basics. Yet once they have the basics, operation out of compliance is a problem that can occur. I believe that morse code requirements help to develop electronic curiosity and better control. I am sorry that the morse code was ever taken off the novice license.

4) Then there is the potential of transmitters failing due to a Nuclear Blast. I have some tube radio gear which would not be affected, but few do have. Yet a Morse code key, battery, and a spark plug may be the best option or simple battery powered units. At least those signals can travel a good distance with a good horizontal wire.

5) I am sure that a lot of good comments are coming your way, both pro and con. Those that no longer need morse code because they have passed the test are subject to forgetting how to use Morse Code. I know I have to brush up from time to time. But I am glad to do it. Then there are a lot of individuals who could qualify for a higher license if it were not for the morse code requirement. I think these people need to bite the bullet and stop looking for an easy way out. These individuals have their own problems and lack the character I find good. Let them earn their way as many of us have in the past.